



Rotary

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The Caring Closet - Franklin Rotary



The Franklin Rotary Club (FRC), like many others, has made children and youth a major focus for our club as well as our service projects. In the height of COVID-19, the Franklin Rotary Club was unable to host a kids Christmas party at a local after school program that we have enjoyed hosting for many years. While discussing ideas of what to do with the budgeted money that was prepared for that project, an idea was stemmed to donate items to our local high schools Caring Closet. A caring closet is a full classroom (in our local high school) and they have it set up as a shopping experience for students that are in need of items to improve their daily experience.

For some students that may mean they go in to pick up a sweatshirt for the walk home. For another it may mean a hygienic item that cannot be provided at home and for a different one it may mean a non-perishable food item to get them through a weekend or holiday break. When the students shop, they are given a discrete shopping bag, they can go in alone or get help from an aid or teacher and there is no charge for any of the items. They are able to take as much as needed and are even able to take items for siblings if necessary. The school started the program, Franklin Rotary is helping to sustain the service.



The Caring Closet - Franklin Rotary District 7280 (continued)

Over the last two years, FRC has been able to expand its reach to help other schools in our district initiate or develop Caring Closets in their schools, thanks to help from private donors. We are currently serving two high schools as well as 4 elementary schools. Each need for the school is communicated to the Caring Closet Committee by a teacher, nurse or counselor at the school. They are given budgets at the beginning of the year, one at the back to school time and one at the holiday break time to ensure any need is met before the students are off on vacation for an extended time.

This project has bloomed into such a blessing to not only the students that it serves, but the teachers and counselors that were in some cases left to purchase items on their own. The schools are incredibly grateful and appreciative of the items that we are able to provide. The project is managed by a small committee that takes the orders for items, shops personally, and delivers the items to the schools. A major part of the project has been to provide tennis shoes for students to use during gym class. The schools are not allowed to permit children to participate in gym class unless they have appropriate footwear. They are either able to keep the shoes at school or take them home with them. It has helped students fulfill their educational requirements as well as maintain physical fitness.

As a fundraiser for the Caring Closet, one of our committee members and retired school teacher, Brian Hale organized a walk-a-thon with the sixth grade students at Sandycreek Elementary. The students got pledges and completed 20 laps around the gymnasium with Rotarians and administrators cheering them on. It was a great activity that raised nearly \$500 in funds for the Caring Closet. The kids were excited to be able to participate and contribute to a project that they can see the benefits of working in their school. Jessica Zacherl, Brian Hale, and Diane Kemick are proud of the work the Franklin Rotary Club has done.



Rich-Mar Helps Inspire Hearts and Hands



On Wednesday, November 15th, over 30 Rich-Mar Rotarians traveled to the brand new Inspired Hearts & Hands facility in Cranberry Township, PA to pack hundreds of boxes that will be delivered to those in need for Thanksgiving. The Rich-Mar Rotary Club was recently awarded a District 7280 Grant that helped to fund boxes for the "Holiday Meal Baskets" program that Inspired Hearts & Hands runs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mindy Schnitgen, Executive Director of Inspired Hearts and Hands, stated "IH2 will provide nearly 2,000 meal boxes between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are very deliberate about the contents of each meal box, including all of the necessary aspects of a traditional holiday meal along with essential non-perishable meal components. These boxes will be delivered through out Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver and Butler Counties over the next few weeks."

Rotarians volunteered to sort donations, build boxes and run an assembly line to fill each box which was then loaded into a box truck to be delivered the next morning.



Rich-Mar Helps Inspire Hearts and Hands (continued)



Mindy spent time with each Rotarian to explain the mission and the purpose of her organization. Tom Kvederis, Rich-Mar Rotary Club President, stated "We can't thank Mindy enough for what she is doing for the less fortunate. Her & her team do such an outstanding job and we can't think of a better organization to partner with especially this time of year!"

For more information or to learn about Inspired Hearts and Hands:
<https://inspiredheartsandhands.com>



"A Fun Time Was Had By All" - Butler Rotary



The Butler Rotary raised \$500 in support of the Butler Rotary Club's Annual Turkey Roundup, which will be used to help feed many needy families during the holidays. Thanks to everyone who contributed prizes and purchased raffle tickets.

Manoela Borghetti (pictured above), our Global Exchange student from Brazil, who not only won a few great prizes but also walked away with lots of priceless Rotary Swag. Prize winners included Lou Sigmund and Rick Whalen (also pictured above).

At the conclusion of the meeting, Manoela presented President Tom with a banner from her home club in Brazil.

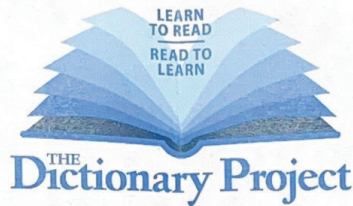
Rich-Mar Rotarians Distribute Dictionaries



Thanks to Matt Schellhaas for Coordinating this project, and to all of the Rich-Mar Rotarians (most of whom are not pictured above) who helped to distribute the dictionaries to third-grade students in both Pine-Richland and Mars Area Schools!



Rich-Mar Rotarians Distribute Dictionaries (continued)



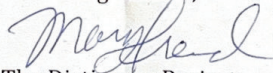
Rotary Club of Rich-Mar
2025 Lynn Lane
Gibsonia, Pennsylvania 15044-9784

Thank you for your very generous donation of \$2,700.00 to The Dictionary Project which we received on November 14, 2023.

We are glad you can continue this program to ensure that the students in Hance Elementary and Richland Elementary schools will be able to enjoy the benefits of owning a dictionary. They cannot do their best work without one. Your support makes it possible for them to have a dictionary for their personal use that they will be able to use for a lifetime. For some children, this is the first book they have owned. You are changing their lives by giving them this important reference tool.

Cumulatively, we have been able to reach an estimated 36,302,204 students. Of these, 12,288 were sponsored by Rotary Club of Rich-Mar. We are happy you have joined our efforts to encourage children to use a dictionary to learn about our world and use the English language effectively.

With gratitude,


The Dictionary Project
November 29, 2023

*This letter serves as your receipt to confirm for your records that you have received no goods or services in exchange for this gift.
The organization's official name is The Dictionary Project, and we are a registered 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization.
Our Federal Tax I.D. is #57-1029802. All contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

P.O. Box 1845 • Charleston, SC 29402 • 843-856-2706 • 843-388-8375

www.dictionaryproject.org



Abode for Children - Rich-Mar Rotary



Will You Please Help These Girls? **\$120,000**



We need \$120,000 to finish Phase 2 of the Junior College for our girls.

A generous donor is offering to extend a matching fund up to \$60,000 by October 31st.

Please donate at:
www.abodeforchildren.org



Amount
\$120,000
\$105,000
\$90,000
\$75,000
\$60,000
\$45,000

President Tom presents a check to Remy in support of Abode for Children as past District Governor Lee Dyer looks on.

They are currently raising funds to support a new school facility for a Junior College for Girls. We support one school and two orphanages, providing wholistic support to children in dire circumstances. We work with them and their families to provide a safe atmosphere and life-changing education that will help children to become confident and productive citizens who can raise the standard of living for themselves and their community.

Abode for Children - Rich-Mar Rotary (continued)



Our orphanages and school in India are equipping children to improve their lives and to have a positive impact on their community as a whole for generations to come. By educating nearly 400 children each year, we are preparing them for brighter futures as successful, productive citizens who will positively impact their local economy and raise the standard of living for entire community.

Located in the Indian village of Cherukupalli, within the Guntur district of the state of Andhra Pradesh, St Thomas Orphanage and Mary Rose Buds School provides a home and education to impoverished boys and girls from Standard IV to Standard X.



Carved in Ice 2024 - Butler AM Rotary



Butler AM Rotary and Diehl Toyota Butler

Present the 8th Annual **2024**
CARVED IN ICE



"Lights on the Ice"

Friday Feb. 9 • 5PM-8PM

- **LIGHTS** - on the ice will make it a festive night.
- **CAMERA** - and phone pictures can capture the sights.
- **ACTION** - watch as carvers create amazing art out of ice.
- **ENJOY** - adult beverages, food vendors and entertainment.

"Family Fun Day"

Saturday Feb. 10 • 11AM-4PM

- Live Carving of Ice Sculptures
- Kids Activities including the popular Ice Slide
- Music, Entertainment, and Food Trucks
- Chili Cook-Off contest
- Hot Dog Eating contest

8X Annual Event Sponsor

DIEHL



TOYOTA

2024 Friday Night Sponsor

NexTier Bank

Proceeds support Butler AM Rotary
Charities Annual Giving Fund!

Showcase Your Business in ICE!

- **BUY AN ICE SCULPTURE**
- **SHARE THE COST** of a design with one or more local businesses!
- **SPONSOR** a large ice design
- **DONATE** to the event for charity

Choose your design to reflect your business or interests. Your business name and logo will appear on a sign beside the sculpture.

Location - Diamond Park & Main Street in Butler

Visit ButlerAMRotary.com or call 724-991-2212 for more information.



Carved in Ice 2024 - Butler AM Rotary (continued)



SHARED ICE IS NICE - \$100 or more

Join with one or more other businesses to buy any size sculpture by donating in increments of \$100 or more. Your business name will appear on the signage. We can connect you with another business/organization to share.

BE A SLIDE SPONSOR – multiples of \$250 for each business

Kids love our most popular ice design of 12 blocks. Your business can share the cost with others. The size of your donation determines your business name placement on the large sign.

BUY AN INDIVIDUAL ICE SCULPTURE - \$500

One ice block is \$500 and additional blocks for larger sculptures are \$450 each. Your company name and logo will be on a sign next to the sculpture. All 1-4 block sculptures will be created prior to the event. Company logos, custom designs, or snowfill (white designs/ words on the sculpture) are an additional \$100. (See diamond sculpture on front of this page to see example of 10x20x40 one-block design and sign.)

LARGE SCULPTURE SPONSOR - \$2,500

Your choice of a large design (5 Blocks) Large Sign including company logo positioned by sculpture to be in spectator photos. Logo on the Butler AM Rotary's website for the entire year as a featured sponsor. 2 Custom Facebook Posts about this sponsorship.

INTERACTIVE SPONSOR - \$5,000

Exclusive Sponsorship of the very popular Interactive Sculpture (12 Blocks). Large Sign including company logo positioned with the sculpture to be in spectator photos. Logo on the Butler AM Rotary's website for the entire year as a featured sponsor. 2 Custom Facebook Posts about your sponsorship. Company name will be announced by the DJ twice during Saturday's event.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT YOUR SCULPTURE

Friday night weather conditions may prevent the display of your sculpture for the evening. Sculptures of 5 or more blocks are created the day of the event for the public to enjoy. There is no guarantee when large sculptures will be carved.

Please Indicate your purchase below:

___ Ice sculpture

___ # of Ice Blocks

Design _____

___ Shared Ice is Nice (multiples of \$100)

___ # of Ice Blocks

Design _____

___ Slide Sponsor (multiples of \$250)

___ Large Sculpture (\$2,500)

___ Interactive Sponsor (\$5,000)

___ DONATION

*Butler AM Rotary is not responsible for any damage to ice carvings once displayed.

Make Checks Payable to "Butler AM Rotary Charities."

**Please complete and mail this form with your check to:
Butler AM Rotary, PO Box 2434, Butler, PA 16003-2434**

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

☐ I want to pay by Square (must include email address below to send invoice).

Please list name to be used in advertising materials. Indicate exactly how it should appear including capitalization and abbreviations.

Company _____

Contact Name _____

Complete Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Questions? Contact Peggy Weckerly at 724-991-2212 or visit www.ButlerAMRotary.com.

Butler AM Rotary Charities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization whose Federal Tax ID is 45-2671084. No goods or services were received in exchange for this contribution unless specifically noted.

All sponsorships are due by January 5, 2024 and ice block sales by January 19, 2024.



Dave Mosier - Presque Isle (Erie) Rotary



Our Foundation Chair, Dave Mosier (right) accepting his Paul Harris +5 pin from Keith Naughton, club president (left). Dave does a great job for our organization, and we want to recognize his great efforts!



Purse Bingo - Smethport Rotary



Sunday, February 18th, 2024

2PM Doors open at 12:30PM

Cost \$30

Court of Angels
505 W. Main St.
Smethport, PA 16749

E-Mail Troy Herzog
troyherzog@hotmail.com

Rotarian Bell-Ringers Help Raise Funds for the Salvation Army

Thanks to those Rotarians who braved the cold to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive. They are helping to make the holiday season brighter for many poor families in our area.

Names listed in order of photos (left to right): Beth Marshall & Mary Lord, Jim Kirchner, Ken & Cindy Fleeson, Billy Ruhe & Joe Schmitt.





Purse Bingo Success & Salvation Army Support - Slippery Rock Rotary

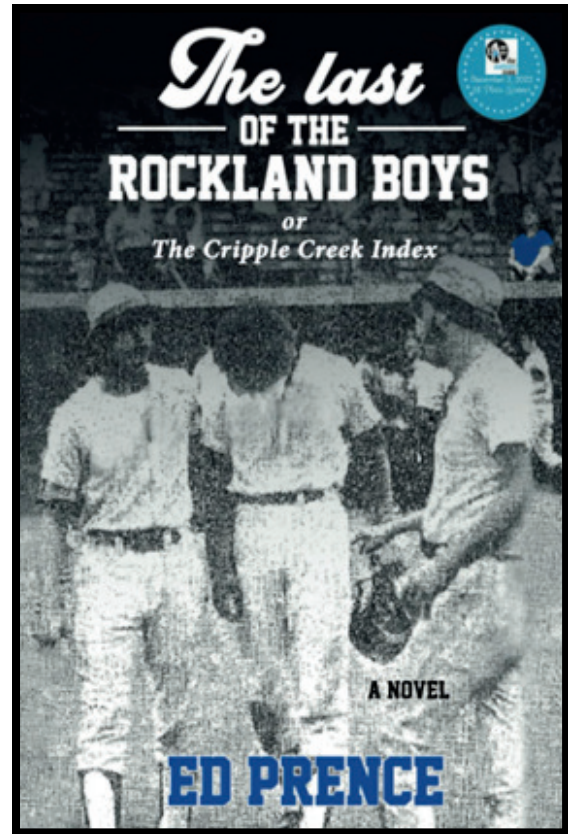


Slippery Rock club held its biggest fund raiser the purse bingo on December 2nd, 2023. We had an enthusiastic crowd of 150 players.

On December 18th, our club members rang the bell for Salvation Army. The picture shows our most senior member, Barb Walwik.



An Evening with Ed Prence - Ellwood City Rotary



Rotary Club of Ellwood City invites you to an evening with Ed Prence

Thursday, January 18th at 7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church Sanctuary (207 Spring Avenue, Ellwood City)

Local Koppel native, amateur baseball player and award winning author, Ed Prence will be giving a book talk on his second book "Last of the Rockland Boys. Ed draws upon his experiences as a life-long amateur player and his boyhood growing up in a small western-Pennsylvania steel town, where baseball was everything. Published September 2022, it has been named the 2022 TAZ Award Winner as the Best General Fiction in the Pittsburgh Market, by the Pittsburgh Authors and Publishers Association.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the discussion.



Annual Holiday Gathering - Titusville Rotary



On December 12th, 2023, the Titusville Rotary hosted its annual Holiday Gathering.

This year, with many thanks to member Michael Knecht, it was held at Drake Well Museum's multi-purpose room.

The local school district identified 18 second graders. They joined club members and their spouses. All enjoyed a great lunch, gifts and a visit with our favorite Santa, pdg Chris Fiely. Part of the funding for the gathering comes from the club's weekly "bottle fund".



21st Annual Super Bowl Pool Fundraiser - Erie Rotary



The 21st Annual Rotary Club of Erie Super Bowl Pool Fundraiser is here!!!!

Proceeds to benefit the McKinley Elementary School Student Leadership programs in Erie, PA. This school has some wonderful, respectful, and driven kids who experience challenges living in one of the poorest areas in all of America. Your participation helps give them opportunities to set good examples in their schools and experience things they might not without your help. They recently were able to experience the Erie Philharmonic's student experience program and have a lunch out of school at Calamaris.

Every block you purchase gives you 5 chances to win up to \$2,500 and supports our kids. Click the link or scan the QR code below to learn more and purchase a block.

<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77649480&NoCaptcha>

